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MEGA CITIES AND FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to declare Ahmedabad, Vadodara and Surat cities a s mega cities for providing all matching facilities ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to(c): Government of India launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005 to give focused attention to integrated development of urban infrastructure and services in select 63 cities with emphasis on provision of basic services to the urban poor including housing water supply, sanitation, road network, urban transport, development of inner (old) city areas etc. Ahmedabad is placed in the category of Mega City/Urban Agglomeration (UAs) as per 2001 census. Vadodara and Surat fall in the category of Million plus cities/UAs as per 2001 census.